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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE IS REQUESTED

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October 19, 1996

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 1998, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claim 4 as follows:

34. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the phoneme border discrimination of said step (c) is performed such that [the difference of] the output values OUT (0) and OUT (1) are compared [to the threshold value determined from previous experimental statistics], and it is determined that if [the difference larger than the threshold value and] OUT (0) is larger than OUT (1)[,] then the analyzed frame is the phoneme border, and if [the difference is larger than the threshold value and] OUT (1) is larger than OUT (0)[,] the analyzed frame is not the phoneme border.